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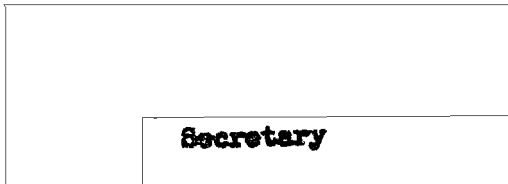
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Documentation

SUBJECT: Annual Report to the NSC on the Status of the Foreign
Intelligence Program

1. There is attached a draft contribution by CODIB to the subject report. Your comments are requested by telephone no later than 1200 hours, Thursday, 30 July 1959.

2. The USIB Secretariat has been asked to keep the final report brief and restricted to salient points. For this reason, all contributions concerning support activities were excluded from last year's report. Suggestions for shortening and high-lighting the CODIB activity are in order. The CODIB annual report for FY59 will be attached as background data supporting the proposed statement.


Secretary

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Processing of Intelligence Information

In support of the analytical processes of the foreign intelligence program intensive and long range efforts are now underway in many parts of the intelligence community to employ modern electronic equipment in intelligence information processing. These range from new systems for electrical transmission of data between intelligence centers, through projects in mechanical translation, to the development of computer complexes for the analysis, recall and display of information sought by the intelligence analyst. These efforts to help the investigator make real use of the record are costly and the equipment is subject to extremely rapid obsolescence, accordingly, the Intelligence Board during FY59 established a permanent Committee on Documentation to reduce duplication of effort and to promote compatibility of operations among the many systems under development. There was growing evidence throughout the year that the significance of this potential electronic revolution in information handling was being carefully appraised and aggressively exploited by the Soviets.

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